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1. EMBASSY PLEASED MTAT WILL BE HEADED BY BRIGADIER GENERAL AND HOPES WE WILL BE ABLE TO INFORM MOLONGYA OF NAME SOON. ALSO APPRECIATE DOD EFFORT TO ADHERE TO ORIGINAL TIMETABLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN SPITE OF DELAY CAUSED BY GOZ APPROVAL TOR.

2. BELIEVE CONCERN PARA 2 STATE 280469 UNJUSTIFIED. MOLONGYA AND OTHER SENIOR DEPT. DEFENSE OFFICERS UNDERSTAND TMREAT ASSESSMENT IS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOZ AND MTAT WILL BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY. ON SUBJECT OF TRAVEL, AGREE TEAM WILL DO MOST OF ITS WORK IN KINSHASA CONSULTING SENIOR DEPT. OF DEFENSE OFFICERS. HOWEVER, BELIEVE IT WOULD APPEAR UNDULY NEGATIVE TO STATE THAT ONLY AIR DEFENSE EXPERT WOULD TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF CAPITAL. ZAIRIAN CUSTOM IS TO TAKE VISITING EXPERTS TO KEY STRATEGIC INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS INGA, LUBUMBASHI AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHERS. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND QUESTION OF EXTENT OF TRAVEL BE LEFT TO DISCRETION TEAM LEADER IN LIGHT OF GOZ WISHES. WISH REITERATE, TRAVEL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US INVOLVEMENT IN THREAT ASSESSMENT WHICH IS EXCLUSIVE GOZ RESPONSIBILITY.

3. RE PARA 3 REF (C), ASSUMPTION CORRET.

4. RE TEXT TOR, WE HAD IMPRESSION STRAND WAS HANDCARRYING.
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